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TAGS: PFOR, GW, US

SUBJECT: ITU LISTINGS FOR BERLIN

REF: (A) STATE 212211; (B) STATE 204391

SUMMARY: AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL EMBASSY EFFORT TO PERSUADE
BRITISH AND FRENCH THAT NO CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN
WEST BERLIN LISTINGS IN ITU TELEGRAPH OFFICE LIST,
ALLIED REPS IN BONN GROUP INFORMED FRG REPS THEY WOULD
NOT OBJECT TO USE OF "BERLIN, FRG" AS DESIGNATION FOR
WSB, TO BE COUPLED WITH DISCLAIMER REPRESENTING ALLIED
RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO DESIGNATION OF BOTH PARTS
OF BERLIN. AS OF SEPTEMBER 17 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG
HAD NOT DECIDED WHAT TO DO. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF (B), US REP AT TRIPARTITE
MEETING SEPTEMBER 5 GAVE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF
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DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS OVER AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN

ITU LISTINGS FOR WEST BERLIN. US POSITION WAS REITERATED IN FOLLOW-ON TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 10. WHILE RECOGNIZING POSSIBLE DANGERS, BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH FIRMLY ADHERED TO PREVIOUS POSITION AND US REP THEREFORE JOINED CONSENSUS FOR INFORMING FRG THAT ALLIES WOULD NOT OBJECT IF FRG WERE TO REQUEST A CHANGE IN LISTINGS FOR WSB WHICH WOULD READ, IN EFFECT, "BERLIN, FRG."

2. AT BONN GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, FRENCH REP (CHAIRMAN), SPEAKING FOR ALLIED REPS, INFORMED FRG REPS THAT THREE ALLIES HAD CONCLUDED (A) THAT GDR PROPOSAL FOR USE OF "BERLIN, GDR" WAS NOT A GOOD ONE; (B) THAT IT WAS, HOWEVER, UNLIKELY THAT CHALLENGING GDR PROPOSAL WOULD RESULT IN ITS WITHDRAWAL OR DEFEAT; (C) THAT THE THREE POWERS COULD NOT INFORM ITU THAT THEY IN ANY WAY ACCEPTED GDR PROPOSAL AND WOULD THUS REQUEST AND INSIST UPON A DISCLAIMER TO BE INCLUDED SOMEWHERE IN ITU TELEGRAPH OFFICE LISTING AND, AS APPROPRIATE, IN OTHER ITU DOCUMENTS; AND (D) THAT IN VIEW OF GDR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE EAST BERLIN LISTING TO "BERLIN, GDR," FROM ALLIED POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THE FRG TO REGISTER WEST BERLIN ADDRESSES UNDER "BERLIN, FRG." FRG REPS WERE INFORMED THAT OBVIOUSLY FOR ALLIES THIS PARALLEL DESIGNATION WAS AS BAD AS GDR PROPOSAL AND THAT WE WOULD ADOPT THE SAME ATTITUDE: WHILE NOT OPPOSING AN FRG PROPOSAL TO THE ITU FOR "BERLIN, FRG," WE WOULD INSIST ON A DISCLAIMER. SUCH DISCLAIMER IS PROBABLY BEST IN INTRODUCTORY PARTS OF TELEGRAPH OFFICE LISTING (SEE PARA 6, GENEVA 5041) RATHER THAN ON EACH PAGE SHOWING A BERLIN LISTING. DISCLAIMER PROPOSED BY ALLIES WOULD APPLY EQUALLY WITH RESPECT TO BOTH PARTS OF BERLIN.

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3. FRG REPS WERE GIVEN LANGUAGE OF DISCLAIMER CONTAINED
IN PARA 4 OF BONN'S 11006.

4. FRG REPS INDICATED APPRECIATION FOR ALLIED POSITION
AND SAID INTERNAL FRG CONSULTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED.
AT SEPTEMBER 17 BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF QUESTION, FRG
REP SAID DECISION NOT YET REACHED ON HOW TO PROCEED.
IN VIEW OF TIME PRESSURES, BONN GROUP REPS NEVERTHELESS
DISCUSSED PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT BE FOLLOWED IN GENEVA
FOR REQUESTING DISCLAIMER IF FRG DOES DECIDE TO
REQUEST LISTING CHANGE. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON FRG DESIRE
TO HAVE ALL FOUR PRESENT AT MEETING WITH ITU OFFICIAL
WHEN FRG LISTING REQUEST AND ALLIED DISCLAIMER REQUEST
MADE. BONN'S CONCERN IS THAT SOLO MOVE BY FRG COULD LEAD
TO CHARGE THAT WEST GERMANS ARE CLEARLY ATTEMPTING TO
VIOLATE "STATUS" PROVISIONS OF QA. COVERING CLOAK OF
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THREE ALLIES THUS DESIRED. FRENCH REP, ON OTHER HAND,
NOTED THAT ALLIES WOULD BE UNABLE TO SAY IN SUCH A
MEETING WITH ITU THAT THEY SUPPORTED FRG REQUEST FOR
LISTING CHANGE. MOST WHICH COULD BE SAID IS THAT THE
THREE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS PROVIDED DISCLAIMER PUBLISHED.
US REP SAID COORDINATION WOULD BE REQUIRED IN GENEVA
AND IT BEST TO LEAVE MATTER TO MISSIONS THERE, ONCE FRG
DECISION IS REACHED.
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